

Application Number 10/627,855
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Reply to Office Action of January 13, 2005

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-14, 27-42, 46-48 and 52-56 is acknowledged.

Claims 15, 16, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jia, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 6,633,188). In view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, the rejections are respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested.

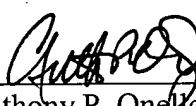
Claims 17 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 15 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 17 and independent claim 21 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 23. Claims 17 and 23 are cancelled. As a result of the amendments, claims 15 and 21 now incorporate allowable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections of claims 15, 16, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Jia, *et al.* is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-20 and 24-26 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, new claims 57-59 are allowable claims 18-20, respectively, rewritten in independent form. New claims 60-62 are allowable claims 24-26, respectively, rewritten in independent form. New claims 57-60 are believed to be allowable.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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